

REMARKS

This instant Preliminary Amendment is submitted in response to the Decision of the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences, mailed February 27, 2002.

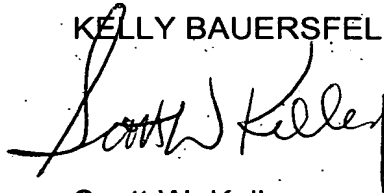
Claims 19-21 and 25 were amended in view of the Decision of the Board. New claims 28 and 29 were added. The claims have been amended to reflect that each of the opposite extremities passes through at least one opening in the securement means from a direction opposite that of the other extremity such that the opposite extremities overlap each other.

CONCLUSION

By this Preliminary Amendment, claims 19, 20, 21 and 25 have been amended and new claims 28 and 29 added. Applicant believes that the foregoing amendments distinguish the claims of the present invention from the Decision of the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences. Accordingly, Applicant believes that pending claims 1-25 and 27-29 are in condition for allowance, notice of which is hereby respectfully requested.

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

In the claims:

Please amend claims 19-21, and 25 as follows:

19. (Twice amended) A radio frequency device comprising:

Disposable attachment means for locating said device on an object or an individual to be identified, said attachment means being a disposable wristband, said wristband having opposite extremities;

reusable securement means demountably engagable with the opposite extremities of said wristband to maintain said wristband in temporary operative relationship with and being separable from said extremities when said wristband is discarded; and

radio frequency identification circuit embedded in said securement means for reuse with said securement means with a replacement wristband after the disposable wristband has been discarded;

wherein each of the opposite extremities passes through at least one opening in the securement means from a direction opposite that of the other extremity such that the opposite extremities overlap each other.

20. (Twice amended) The device of claim 19 in which an antenna is located in said wristband and communicates with said radio frequency identification circuit [means] when said securement means is operatively connected to said wristband.

21. (Twice amended) A radio frequency identification device comprising:

disposable attachment means having opposite extremities;

securement means separably connected to said opposite extremities of said attachment means for maintaining said attachment means in temporary operative relationship with an object or individual to be identified; and

radio frequency identification circuit means embedded in said securement means and being removable with said securement means from said attachment means for subsequent use with replacement attachment means;

wherein each of the opposite extremities passes through at least one opening in the securement means from a direction opposite that of the other extremity such that the opposite extremities overlap each other.

25. (Twice amended) Reusable securement means having a body with securement portions thereupon, said securement portions being demountably engagable with opposite extremities of disposable attachment means to maintain said attachment means on an object or individual, said body having radio frequency identification circuit means embedded therein;

wherein each of the opposite extremities passes through at least one opening in the securement means from a direction opposite that of the other extremity such that the opposite extremities overlap each other.

Please add new claims 28 and 29 as follows:

- - 28. A radio frequency device comprising:

(D)isposable attachment means for locating said device on an object or an individual to be identified, said attachment means being a disposable wristband, said wristband having opposite extremities;

reusable securement means demountably engagable with the opposite extremities of said wristband to maintain said wristband in temporary operative relationship with and being separable from said extremities when said wristband is discarded wherein said securement means includes a first end and a second end opposite side first end; and

radio frequency identification circuit embedded in said securement means for reuse with said securement means with a replacement wristband after the disposable wristband has been discarded;

wherein one of the opposite extremities engages one of the first and second ends of the securement means from a direction opposite to that in which the other extremity engages the remaining one of the first and second ends. - -

- - 29. The device of claim 19 in which an antenna is located in said wristband and communicates with said radio frequency identification circuit when said securement means is operatively connected to said wristband. - -